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Upcoming Events

9/2/12	Once-ler/Lorax fandom celebrates its sixth month anniversary!
9/8/12	Greenville picnic to be held in Greenville square. Bring your own lunch. 12:30 PM.
9/20/12	"Unless Press" fan fiction contest winners' entries to be posted. 11:00 AM.
10/01/12	Deadline of Bitter's online give-away. Save the date.

Heads Will Roll

Volleys and vacations. Disputes and decapitation. Amidst the wounds, woes, and worries, our faithful band of haggard heroes trudges on despite the unfavorable circumstances. Over the course of a week, much has transpired in the zombie apocalypse alternate universe that's had members of the fandom biting their nails in anticipation, eagerly refreshing their dashboards in the evenings, and, in some cases, even pulling out the tissues. What with individuals in the ask blog band suffering everything from mental disturbances to flat out homicide, it's needless to say that things have been tense in this apocalyptic world.

In this issue of the press, we delve into the personal stories of various ask blogs in the aforementioned AU, recapping recent events that have occurred over the past week. Other articles of interest include an interview with ZombieSkully, a spotlight on lesser known ask blogs in the fandom, information on a new, upcoming masterpost blog and panty raid, and more. •

Did You Know?

On September 2, 2012, the Lorax fandom celebrated its sixth month anniversary!

Zombie AU - Raise the Stakes!

Is Entre slowly descending into madness? What's become of Bitter? Will all of our brave survivors meet a gruesome end?

Life has not exactly been bright at camp for all of those involved in the zombie AU. Despite efforts to liven up the dismal atmosphere with such things as fireworks and "mini-vacations", attempts to spread a little cheer at the base are only met with chronic despair and a shallow hope of a cure. One can't help but wonder: Will things ever get better?

The Last Sentence

Glowing boils and a slow descent into madness, along with a desire for something more than regular meat, are some of the side effects of the infection that gets passed around. There isn't much hope for the poor victims, and Bitter was one of them. After suffering from a bite by an infected Pipsqueak for a good week or so, Entre made the difficult decision to end Bitter's suffering. Outside of camp was where the terrible execution took place, both a bullet and an axe coming into play. The entire end sequence can be found here, but keep in mind that it's quite graphic:

http://theyouthfultycoon.tumblr.com/post/31110537721/goodbye-bitter-warnings-explicit-violence

~ Bitter and boils. Art (right) by fulltylt. ~

Care for a Bite?

Bitter wasn't the only one in camp who was infected. Young Theodore Wiggins is suffering the same fate, although Swag is determined to keep this one alive, for he may hold the key to something important.

Nevertheless, the stakes were raised when Ted literally took a bite out of Swag. '72 Once-ler, another member of the camp, was... (cont. on pg. 5)

Background Bloggers

We're all familiar with the most popular Once-ler ask blogs in the fandom -- Swag, Bitter, and One-ler, just to name a few. But what of the little guys -- those folks in the background who don't receive as much attention? They're just as important, and are all really cool people! In this article, we pay tribute to some of the lesser knowns.

If you're a member of the Once-ler/Lorax fandom, or even just a casual observer, chances are that you've come across ask blogs. Antics by the ever-cocky Swag, various conversations with Bitter, and artwork involving Entre are most likely very familiar to you, and perhaps you even see everything from drawings to fan fiction of these guys on a daily basis. However, such well-known and entertaining individuals aren't the only ask blogs out there. Quite the contrary! In reality, there are anywhere from 200 to 400 Once-ler ask blogs or more. When browsing the inner depths of the fandom or the masterpost, you will most likely happen upon the little guys, many of them have intriguing personalities and really cool back-stories! Let's take a look at some of them.

Mage-ler

In need of a magician or two? Member **Alikurai** recently set up a Mage-ler ask blog, complete with simple, yet charming, little drawings of their characters.

(Artwork is featured above.)

http://askmage-ler.tumblr.com/

Ring-ler

Now known as freaking-beanpole, Ring-ler has a great sense of humor and responds to readers' questions with artwork!

freaking-beanpole.tumblr.com

Bedtime Once-ler

A Once-ler who goes by the name of "BT", this sleepy ask blog loves macaroni and cheese, Nutella, and, ironically enough, coffee. He tends to giggle in his sleep, and his playlist hosts quite a lovely selection of soothing songs that's sure to help tired travelers relax after a long day.

bedtime-onceler.tumblr.com/

Two crime-fighters -- Negathneed and Ring-ler. Art by Ring-ler.

Entertain-ler

Entertain-ler (or "Tain") is a very kind and cheerful fellow who loves singing, playing music, and just generally enjoying life. (cont. on pg. 4)

~Background Bloggers (cont.)~

He's not opposed to accepting magic anons, and the mod of the blog is quite a good writer when it comes to role-playing and the like!

ask-entertain-ler.tumblr.com/

Bake-ler

Hungry for a pastry? Maybe you're more in the mood for a warm loaf of bread or a cake? Whatever your tummy desires, Bake-ler is sure to have something to satisfy your sweet tooth! Cute artwork (one of which is featured above) adorns the blog, so be sure to stop by the bakery sometime for a bite!

http://bake-ler.tumblr.com/

Those are just a few of many, many other ask blogs out in the fandom. To find more, check out this masterpost:

http://swaggermimint.tumblr.com/post/21893938882/once-ler-ask-blogs-masterpost

You also might want to look into this blog, which pays tribute to all ask blogs, both popular and not so popular!

onceler-ask-love.tumblr.com/

Entre in agony. Artwork by ZombieSkully.

Bitter's last moments. Artwork by ZombieSkully.

Zombie AU (cont.) and ZombieSkully Interview

... there to witness the incident; however, both he and Swag agreed to keep the freak episode a secret from everyone else in the camp. Whether or not Ted remains safe is another matter.

Disturbances

Entre has a lot on his plate. Between having to murder Bitter, trying to find a cure, and dealing with Swag's occasional reminders that it was he -- Entre -- who caused this whole mess in the first place, it's no surprise that he finally snapped, albeit only for a moment.

Everyone knows that Ted is infected, and after killing one infected member of the team... Entre was set in his mind that it do Ted some good to not suffer with the disease any longer either. Devoid of a "proper" weapon, Entre attempted to choke Ted to death in one of the camp tents, only to realize what he was doing just in the nick of time. It was a mark of how much he cares, and how badly the team members need each other, that Ted immediately forgave Entre.

What else awaits those who remain and continue to fight for their survival? We can only watch and see.... •

ZombieSkully - Interview

Today we interview fandom member **ZombieSkully**, a very talented artist and the brains behind Once-ler ask blog Entre!

Q. Many are familiar with you having essentially created the zombie AU. Did you have any other AU ideas before that one, and are there other concepts that you'd like to put into play?

A. Not really, no. I think about AUs a lot, but, generally, they just come up. I wasn't really actively thinking about a zombie AU that would be so spread out, like Camp Weehawken and Thneedville High, until... I think it was Strapple... who mentioned, "What if zombie apocalypse AU?", and I flipped my shit and started coming up with ideas. Most of the brainstorming was done with my fiancé, actually.

Concepts? You mean for other AUs? Not really. I've jokingly thought up others here and there, but I'm not ready for this one to be over yet. Heh. As for concepts within the AU.... Hmmm. Most of that just comes up as I think of it. Right now, most of the concepts I want to put into play have somehow gotten worked in already... or are part of future plots to be played out in Entre's camp.

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Bitter's last moments. Artwork by ZombieSkully.

ZombieSkully Interview - Continued

Q. What, do you find, is the most challenging thing about role-playing as a character in the midst of an apocalypse?

A. Hmmm. Well, it sucks that things aren't as easily gotten/ understood, but it's also kinda cool too, because you can make big events out of little things, such as, "We're out of water". I guess the hardest part is trying to place yourself in that situation in order to really fit the mindset of your character. I have to take a while to sit and meditate on things before I get ready to play Entre, because I have to think differently.

Q. What's your favorite of the art pieces you've drawn?

A. Within the AU, I'm guessing... probably this one:

But it's really tough to pick one because I've drawn a LOT for this AU that I love.

Q. Do you have any advice to give to aspiring artists?

A. Practice! I know everyone tells beginning artists this, but it's really very true. I wasn't born with talent; I was born with a want to get better at art! That's all! I draw so much, so I really get a LOT of practice in every day. Also, it helps to learn from real life and then move on to a personal style as opposed to the other way around. Yeah, I know. I thought it was bullshit too when I heard it earlier in my artistic career, but it's really true. You don't have to go back and relearn stuff later when you're more set in your ways and more stubborn.

Skully is a talented artist who has been contributing artwork and ideas to this fandom for quite some time now. Many thanks go to him for agreeing to participate in this interview!

There are many other artists in this fandom whose notable work is featured in this issue and that may be recognizable to many of you. Besides fandom member **ZombieSkully**, other artists that have work featured here include **Adori** (Wansura/Unlessler) and **Fulltylt** (ineedathneed). We appreciate all of our artists! •

~Ask Blog Masterpost, Panty Raid, and Birthday Gift~

Long-time fandom member **Swaggermimint** is a sweet individual who is well-known for her "Ask Blog Masterpost" and for organizing the famed Once-ler panty raids. While it is still a work-in-progress, she has been tinkering on an all new blog that will host every single ask blog in the fandom in an organized fashion. You can see how it looks so far here:

oncelersmasterpost.tumblr.com/

She's also organizing another panty raid to be held in the near future. The theme will be more of a scavenger hunt. More detailed information about it can be found right here on this blog:

raidingheadquarters.tumblr.com/

In other news, yet another member of the fandom, **ask-theprinceofgreed**, has been going around asking others if they'd like to do something rather special for Bitter's October birthday . The event? Plant a tree! For more information, contact him at:

ask-theprinceofgreed.tumblr.com

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